

SENATE BILL 649

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Chesapeake Bay Bridge – Inspection by Independent Entity Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to cause an
4 inspection to be conducted of all elements of the superstructure and
5 substructure of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake
6 Bay Bridge) on or before a certain date; requiring the Authority to retain the
7 services of an entity that is independent of and not affiliated with the Authority
8 to conduct the inspection; requiring the Authority to mandate that the entity
9 conducting the inspection use the most exacting and state-of-the-art
10 technology in the industry to complete its evaluation; making this Act an
11 emergency measure; and generally relating to an inspection of the Chesapeake
12 Bay Bridge by an independent entity.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (1) On or before December 31, 2010, the Maryland Transportation
16 Authority shall cause an inspection to be conducted of all elements of the
17 superstructure and substructure of the twin spans of the William Preston Lane, Jr.
18 Memorial Bridge (Chesapeake Bay Bridge).

19 (2) For the purposes of the inspection, the Authority shall:

20 (i) retain the services of an entity that is independent of and
21 not affiliated in any way with the Authority; and

22 (ii) require that the entity that conducts the inspection use the
23 most exacting and state-of-the-art technology available for such purposes in the
24 industry to complete its evaluation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
3 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
4 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
5 the date it is enacted.